GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5401
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
FCI DEPOTS IN HARYANA
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FCI depots in Haryana under contract system alongwith the number of departmental depots;

(b) the capacity of departmental depots alongwith that of Dand depot situated at Kaithal under contract system;

(c) the justification for keeping the Dand depot under contract system;

(d) the time by which the Government propose to departmentalize the said depot;

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to free the labourers from the exploitation of the contract system in the said FCI depot;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the concrete measures proposed to be taken by the Government in the interest of labourers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) There are 23 Depots each of the Food Corporation of India under contract and departmental system in Haryana Region.

(b) The total capacity of the 23 departmental depots of the Food Corporation of India in Haryana Region is 8.31 lakh MTs (approx.), and Dand depot situated at Kaithal under contract system has a capacity of 0.80 lakh MTs(approx.)

(c) Dand depot was considered for abolition of contract labour system by the State Government of Haryana in 1985, when the State Government was the appropriate government for the Food Corporation of India under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, but the same was not found justified for prohibition of contract labour. Dand depot was again considered in 1986 by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour,when it became the appropriate government for the Food Corporation of India under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, but the same was again not found justified for abolition of the Contract Labour System.

(d) There is no policy decision to abolish Contract Labour System in theestablishments of the Food Corporation of India, including Dand depot.

(e) There is no such report of exploitation of labourers in the Dand depot.

(f) and (g) Does not arise in view of reply at (e) above.